

# Two Arrested for Church Burglaries

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**Georgetown, DE** – Troopers have arrested two men in connection with a series of burglaries to churches in the Georgetown and Lincoln areas.

The investigation began around April 17, 2016 when Milford Police Department investigated a burglary the First Baptist Church within their jurisdiction. Through investigative measures, they were able to arrest **Christopher Willey**, 24 of Georgetown on July 5, 2016.

Information was shared about the burglary with Troop 4 Criminal Investigations Unit due to a rash of break-ins occurring within the Lincoln and Georgetown areas involving churches and businesses. These incidents had been occurring between mid-April to mid-May when Willey and his accomplice, who was later identified as **Christopher J. Carter**, 24 of Harrington, would forcibly enter the buildings by either breaking a window, removing air conditioning units from

windows, or in one case, cutting a hole through a roof. Once inside the two would remove cash, power tools, or other construction equipment before fleeing. In a few of the cases, nothing was removed, but the two would destroy items throughout different rooms causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

The follow is a list of the locations that were burglarized:

- April 22, 2016 – Donovan's Salvage, 20262 Donovan's Road, Georgetown
- April 27, 2016 – Redden Community Center, 18192 Redden Road, Georgetown
- April 29, 2016 – Old Path Church of Christ, 18295 Redden Road, Georgetown
- May 13, 2016 – Daisey's Used Car garage, McColley's Chapel Road, Georgetown
- May 15, 2016 – Lincoln United Methodist Church, 8641 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lincoln
- May 16, 2016 – Lincoln United Methodist Church, 8641 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lincoln
- May 16, 2016 – Old Path Church of Christ, 18295 Redden Road, Georgetown
- May 16, 2016 – Flames of Fire Holy Ghost Church, 18246 McColley's Chapel Road, Georgetown

Christopher Willey, who was already incarcerated at Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI) for a violation of probation, and Christopher Carter, who was picked up on July 11, 2016 for a violation of probation were charged by detectives with seven counts of Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>, Attempted Burglary 3<sup>rd</sup>, eight counts of Conspiracy 2<sup>nd</sup>, five counts of Possession of Burglary Tools, seven counts of Theft, Selling Stolen Property, and six counts of Criminal Mischief. They were both incarcerated at SCI in lieu of \$35,000.00 secured bond.

\*\*For more information on the Milford investigation, please

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